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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.11X⁶ <i>18 8/20/03</i> Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	LIFE-010 7600
	First Named Inventor	House, et al.
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	Group Art Unit	1743
	Examiner Name	Alexander, Lyle
	Title	Gimbaled Bladder Actuator for Use with Test Strips

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 20, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 20, 2002. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the corresponding pending claims with the following:

1. (Amended) A gimbaled bladder actuator, said actuator comprising:
 a gimbaled compression pad comprising a holder and a compression member including a substantially planar compression element and a portion in said holder to provide a gimbaled interface;
 and
 an actuating means in contact with said holder for contacting said gimbaled compression pad with a bladder in a manner sufficient to compress said bladder.

5. (Amended) A gimbaled bladder actuator, said actuator comprising:
 (a) a gimbaled compression pad comprising a holder and a compression member including a substantially planar compression element and a portion in said holder to provide a gimbaled interface; and